Establishment of Instrumented Test Range in Orissa

38. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a letter from Shri Nilmoni Routtroy, a former Chief Minister of Orissa, regarding establishment of Instrumented Test Range at Baliapal in Orissa, describing therein the merits and demerits in establishing the said Range; and

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister proposes to visit the proposed site to apprise himself of the real facts and the feelings of the local people in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister is fully aware of the project requirements and also the feelings and problems of the people to be displaced. The decision has been taken after full appreciation of the problems which would be faced by the displaced population and the steps which are proposed to be taken to rehabilitate them suitably.

Diversion of Central Plan Allocations by Orissa

39. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have allowed the Orissa Government to divert the Central allocations, specifically made and earmarked to be spent on IRDP, NREP, RLEGP and other specific poverty eradication programmes to other programmes like ERRP, etc. if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what action has been taken to stop this diversion of funds;

(b) what is the exact amount diverted from the other programmes originally sanctioned by the Planning Commission to ERRP by the Orissa Government in 1984-85 and 1985-86 and so far in 1986-87; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to scrutinise the fulfilment of targets of poverty eradication programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING ANR MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The Central matching grant for IRDP & NREP programmes is released after verifying actual expenditure. In case of RLEGP, 100 per cent reimbursement is made on the basis of actual expenditure. Extra funds required for higher subsidy to ERRP beneficiaries are met from State's own resources.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) From the current year all plan programmes are to be monitored by the Planning Commission on a quarterly basis with reference to financial and physical targets.

Public resistance to destruction of forests by BALSO

40. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the strong resistance put up by the people through peaceful satya graha against the destruction of forests by BALCO in the historic Gandhamardan Hills in Sambalpur district (Orissa) ;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard so as to save the ecology and the tribal culture of this area; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what specific measures Government propose to take to save the environment, ecology and the tribal culture of this area before allowing BALCO to undertake mining operations in the Gndhamardan Hills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Considering the biological wealth of the Gandhamardan Hills and the adverse impact on the environment due to open cast mining operations, a final decision whether this project should be permitted or not is yet to be taken.

Licences for Setting UP of Electronic Units in Uttar Pradesh

41. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and other details of licences and letters of intent issued for the setting up of electronic units in Uttar Pradesh so far;

(b) what are the targets of investment and installed capacity in respect of various electronic items in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) what are the details of the targets achieved during the Sixth Five Year Plan period in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) So far, about 250 industrial licences/Letters of Intent have been issued for the setting up of electronic units in Uttar Pradesh (UP). These cover manufacture of a variety of electronic goods like Colour and B/W TV receivers, Microwave Tubes, Electronic Typewriters, Mini-computer/Microprocessor Based Systems, Telephone Exchange equipment, Electronic components etc. These units are proposed to be set up, at location spread all over the State.

(b) The proposed production targets and investment plans for U.P. for the 7th Five Year Plan, as given by UPTRON are given in the enclosed statement (*See below*)

(c) Against an all India target of Rs. 5820 crores set not for production of electronics (in the domestic tariff area) during the Sixth Five Year Plan period (1980-85), the actual production achieved was Rs. 6205 crores.

Statement

Proposed production targets & Investment Plans for U.P. for 7th Five year Plan

(Rs. in million)

Sl. No.	Sector of Electronics Industry	Production Targets in 1990	7th Plan Capital Investment in UP			
			Total	Central	State (Uptron)	Joint/ Assisted Sector	Private Sector
1	Consumer Electronics	4350	300	20	130	20	130
2	Control Instrumentation & Industrial Electronics	3550	1000	100	350	155	495
3	Computers & Data Systems (including office equipments)	1500	300	..	100	50	150
4	Defence & Aerospace Electronics	1250	400	400	..	..	..
5	Communication & Broadcasting equipment	5700	3300	2000	600	400	400
6	Components	3100	2000	100	1000	400	400
7	Promotion & Development Activity	..	100	..	100	..	..
	TOTAL	19540	7400	2620	2280	925	1575